

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are presently pending.

The preambles of claims 1 and 14 have been amended to correct a grammatical error, replacing "an removable" with – a removable –.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claim 1 recites "an integrated tab comprising a portion of the base layer and being coextensive with the integrated removable portion, the tab being at least partially removable from the base layer portion." Claim 14 recites "making a second die cut extending substantially through the base layer and coextensive with the integral removable portion to substantially define a periphery edge of an integrated tab, the tab being at least partially removable from the integrated removable portion." It is respectfully submitted that this claim language sets forth the relationship between the tab and the integrated removable portion.

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,656,555. Claims 1-20 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 18-35 of copending Application No. 10/395,360. Claims 1-20 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of copending Application No. 10/817,459.

Filed concurrently herewith is a terminal disclaimer to address these double patenting rejections. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application to Deposit Account No. 06-135.

Respectfully submitted,

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